(b) what is the volume of ticketless travellers in various Railways;

(c) what is the revenue loss due to the same; and

(d) whether in short distance journey ticketless travels is generally done with active or passive assistance from the Railway Staff itself; if so, whether there is any method of checking this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVDIJAY SINGH): (a) No specific comprehensive study about the menace of ticketless passengers has been conducted in the recent past. However, ticket checking performance is monitored on monthly basis.

(b) During the current year *i.e.* 1.4.99 to 31.12.99, 88.26 lakh persons were detected travelling without ticket/improper ticket and an amount of Rs. 106.78 crores was realised over all Indian Railways. However, it is not possible *to* assess the exact volume of ticketless travellers.

(c) Loss of revenue due to ticketless travel is not quantifiable as the exact volume of ticketless travellers can not be assessed.

(d) Regular checks are conducted by the Vigilance and Anti-fraud squad no detect any irregularities being done by the ticket checking staff. Staff found conniving or abetting ticketless travelling are taken up under the provision of Disciplinary Rules.

Demand and supply of wagons in S.C. Railway

1020. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the stations under South Central Railways where wagons were indented during the last three years;

(b) the number of wagons demanded and supplied to each station during the above period;

(c) the reasons for short fall in supply of wagons in certain stations like Vizianagaram and Srikakulam; and

(d) the steps proposed to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Names of the stations are given in the Annexure.

[See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 31]

(b) The details of number of wagons demanded and supplied at all stations of S.C. Railway taken together (in terms of 4-wheelers) are as under:

Year	Wagons demanded		Wagons supplied and loaded	
	B.G.	M.G.	B.G.	M.G.
1997-98	1832730	12275	1832665	12045
1998-99	1796047	9548	1795800	9490
1999- (till Jan. 2000)	1763195	9828	1762560	7956

(c) There was no shortfall in supply of wagon at Srikakulam Road. At Vizianagaram also (as on 20.2.2000) pending indents were for 18 (4-wheeler wagons i.e. 7BCX eight wheeler wagons). Piecemeal wagons which will be cleared by directional rake on receipt of further indent required for formation of full rake.

(d) Every effort is being made to meet the demand for wagons.

Agreement with Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd. for B.G. Link

1021. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government entered into an agreement with Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited for a broad gauge link to the port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how funding of the new model of public private partnership project would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF